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BUSH

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career in politics began when he aided his father's 1988 campaign for the White House and unsuccessful 1992 bid for re-election.

Riding the wave of economic good times in Texas, the governor's administration has attacked taxes, budget and crime rates. Bush advocated and signed the two largest tax cuts in state history, totaling more than \$3 billion in cuts to school property taxes, consumer sales taxes and business taxes.

Bush's appointments to the parole board have compiled the lowest parole approval rate in recorded state history, with violent offenders serving more than 90 percent of their jail time and sex offenders remaining in jail for 100 percent of their sentences. During his administration, the overall crime rate has decreased 13 percent. The violent juvenile crime rate has fallen 38 percent during Bush's governorship.

The governor signed legislation that allows law-abiding Texans to carry a concealed weapon for self-defense. He also signed a law providing criminal penalties for parents who leave a weapon accessible to a child who causes serious harm with that gun.

Born in 1946 while his father was still attending Yale, Bush grew up in Midland and Houston. He received a bachelor's degree from Yale and a master's in business administration from Harvard before serving as an F-102 pilot for the Texas Air National Guard.

Bush went on to be a businessman in the oil industry, and in 1989, he became managing general partner of the Texas Rangers

On March 14, Bush earned enough delegate support to become the Republican nominee for presidential election.

Bush campaigners said he will take much of the staunch records of conservatism and federalism from his governorship into the White House.

Bush is opposed to abortion and the *Roe vs. Wade* decision that considers abortion a private matter between a woman and her doctor and

therefore protected from government regulations.

"America is not ready to ban abortions," Bush said in reports on MSNBC's election coverage Website. But "until America's hearts change," he wants to "put policies in place ... that reduce abortions.'

Bush's campaign has emphasized the needs of education and pushed for a return to limited government, local control, individual responsibility and stronger families.

In Texas, Bush rewrote the state's curriculum to insist on academic basics and strengthen the state's accountability system to measure student performance so parents and taxpayers know whether their local schools are getting the job done.

Reading performance in Texas has improved. Eighty-eight percent of third-grade students passed the reading portion of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test in 1999, compared with 76 percent in 1994.

Gay rights are not a strong concern of Bush. In his Oct. 11 debate with Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Al Gore, Bush said he

did not support gay mam "I think marriage is a

stitution between a m woman," Bush said. In support of the Defen riage Act, a law signed by Clinton in 1996 that allow deny the recognition of same riages performed in others Sex follows the same "don't affe

tell" policy that allows clos lesbians to serve in the min "I don't really think sex off my concern how you con addres sex life, and I think it's information

matter," he said. Bush is pushing for tended come tax cuts, making si signed ments in Social Security crimina system of personal retire tive rescounts for younger work information building effective missile he reg

an unir "Each of us must under trying t we are responsible to help to prot bor in need," Bush said in "We speech. "If we are fortune f society, we ought to use the of our country to put somet las sub to help people.

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VOTES

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"Since Bush is almost certain to win Texas, a vote for Gore willh are away under the electoral college system," Cardille said. "If they Nader and a person in a tossup state support Gore, then ... both six Manual Trader, along with other Websites such as VoteSwap a very support of the suppor

Win Campaign, may ease the stress of Democrats who believe Nader is a vote for Bush." MSNBC reported that a spokesperson from the U.S. Departs State said Nader Trader was legal and is not considered votering cause no money is exchanged.

"There is no pecuniary exchange, and it is an agreement betweet parties, no legal violation there in terms of violation fra

spokesperson said. However, owners of the VoteSwap Website reported that the Cosecretary of state informed them that offering to "broker the exceeding to broker the exceeding the exceeding to broker the exceeding to broker the exceeding the exce

votes" is against state law. 'We recommend that anyone who has already agreed to swa check with laws of their own state to make sure there is no violati owners said in a statement.

Another vote-swapping site, Winchell Nader's Traders, reported than 5,600 visitors to the site have pledged to participate. Accord records, vote swapping through its Website has produced 1,356 me votes in Bush-secure states and 1,426 new Gore votes in swing st

Whether vote trading will have an impact on election results will be to determine, since there is no way to know if participants will keepth

SENATE

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then the top five senior candidates and the top four junior candidates will proceed to the run-off elections.

"This bill clearly defines the calculation of a majority of a vote and prevents confusion when voting for more than one candidate such as a yell leader position," said Lisa Schlitzkus, chairwoman of the Rules and Regulations Committee and a ju-

nior political science major. In other business, the Student Senate passed a resolution in recognition of Dr. Fred Heath, dean of University Libraries. The resolution demonstrates the appreciation of the student body for Heath's work in improving and developing the A&M libra

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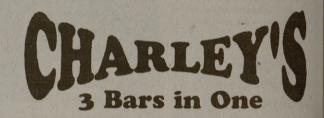
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Not all restaurant owne managers feel the same way. At some restaurants such would not be a big step. At the national House of Pancakes in College Station, smoking lowed on weekends due to t

number of patrons. IHOP assistant manager S Locke said about 50 per IHOP's patrons are smokers. optimistic in light of a possi

"In [places] where smo been banned, the restaurants off a little," Locke said, "but okay now and there isn't real

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